

Our Lady's Catholic High School



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Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of this academic year 2022-2023, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the pupils at our school for their amazing efforts and positive attitudes throughout the school year. They continue to make me very proud as they grow in virtues to be One of Ours and make an amazing commitment to their school.

A number of staff are leaving our school this year and I should like to commend their work to you and offer sincere thanks for everything that they have done for our pupils over the years. We also wish them success and happiness in whatever the next stage in their lives brings.

- Mrs Adams Marketing and Communications Officer Tutoring
- Mrs Armitage History to work for AQA Examination Board
- Mr Goring Resistant Materials St Augustine's, Billington
- Mrs Moss Textiles Penwortham Girls High School
- Mrs Finnerty History Retirement

I do want to mention especially Mrs Finnerty, who has taught at our school since 1987 and was here when Our Lady's was established in 1988 following the merger of St Edmund Campion in Lea and St Cuthbert Mayne situated on our present site. She has served our school throughout that time with passion, care and a deep love of the pupils, especially as a Learning Manager. We wish her a happy retirement and she leaves us with our thanks and prayers.

We also say goodbye to a number of temporary staff who have been covering maternity and short-term contracts. We thank them for their work with our pupils as they too help contribute to the full life of our school.

When we return in September, the new school times will be in operation and we will also have had significant building work completed on the toilets in the restaurant, to bring them into line with the work completed last summer on the Year 8 and 9 toilets. For now I wish you and your families a happy and restful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Finally, I share this end of year prayer and encourage you to say it with your families:

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are,

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Mr. Charnock

BOOO Virtues

Congratulations go to:

- Year 7: Bartosz Kozakiewicz for being curious active
- Year 8: Eil Nyandoro for being compassionate and loving
- · Year 9: Jake Ryan for being generous and grateful
- Year 10: Taylan Brown for being curious and active

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Whole School Mass

On Wednesday, the whole school gathered together in the Sports' Hall to celebrate Mass and give thanks.





News

Year 7: Lancaster Castle

On Thursday 13th July, twelve winners of the Year 7 Castle Competition were rewarded for their hard work with a trip to Lancaster Castle and Lancashire Police Museum.

They had a tour of the courtyard to discover the strategic importance of Lancaster as various points throughout history. Pupils also discovered more about the Pendle Witches, their trial and where they were imprisoned.

During the tour of the newly opened Lancashire Police Museum, pupils discovered more about the origins of the police force and how early forensics techniques were used to convict Lancaster doctor, Buck Ruxton. Pupils behaved brilliantly, engaged with the tour guides and asked insightful questions.















Drone Demonstration

On Thursday 20th July, Jason from Drone Works came in to do a demonstration on how drones could be used in construction and surveying. Pupils in Year 8 surveyed the Maths block and then had a chance to practice maneuvers over the field. This demonstration was linked to their career aspirations.





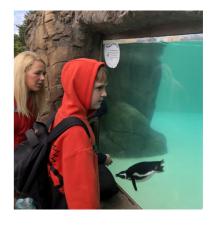


Blackpool Zoo

On Monday, twelve pupils attended Blackpool Zoo.

Pupils learnt about different biomes and adaptions that the animals had to live in these areas. Pupils loved the sea lion show but a particular highlight was seeing the new baby orangutan, which was playing with it's mother. The new arrival is the first Bornean orangutan to be born at the zoo in 20 years. The species has been classed as critically endangered since 2016, as populations have shrunk by half in the past 60 years, and it faces an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.







Dates for your Diary

- Thursday, 24th August GCSE results day
- Friday, 1st September Inset day (Pupils at home)
- Monday, 4th September School opens for Year 7 pupils and Progress Meetings only
- Tuesday, 5th September All pupils return to school



School Bags

All pupils have been reminded in assembly this morning that they need a suitable back pack for September. Back packs must be able to carry at least two A4 folders and plain in design.







Large handbags, holdalls and other types of bags are not acceptable. No large logos should be visible.

👭 Read Easy

Can You Make a Difference?

Read Easy Preston provides free one-to-one training for adults who cannot read but want to learn. We are run entirely by volunteers and currently have 20 people learning to read and more on our waiting list. Readers are taught in mutually convenient public venues such as local Libraries which we have vetted.

To expand our service we need more **Coordinators**, a **Publicity Officer** and a **Venues Officer Coordinator** duties include: -

Assessing and enrolling potential readers,

Pairing readers with Coaches and

Supporting Coaches.

Coordinators should have good communication and organisational skills. Could this be you?

Publicity Officer: -this position on our Management Team requires using networking and social media skills to raise awareness of the work that Read Easy does. Can you help?

Venues Officer: - this post on our Management Team requires someone to find suitable public venues, to carry out risk assessments and to liaise with venues so that we can continue to coach our readers safely. Can you do this for us?

Volunteering with **Read Easy Preston** is an exciting opportunity to help others and make a real difference in our community.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maureen on 07948 392228 or via mail at prestonrecruitern@readeasy.org.uk.

We would love to hear from you.

Read Easy Preston is a registered charity (Charity number 1197019)







In this exciting 4-week programme, students will journey into the fascinating world of diseases and learn what it's like to be a doctor.

The online interactive course combines real-life medical cases with real-time clinic simulations and guest speakers from varied specialities to share an insight into their lives. Each week we will cover a different set of diseases. The course is tailored for students aged 14+ and no prior medical knowledge is required.

The programme will run virtually every Wednesday throughout August 2023 and is perfect for any student contemplating pursuing a career as a doctor or in healthcare. We have received excellent feedback from previous courses and are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity.

Early bird registration for the entire programme, which includes program access, recordings, programme chat board, handouts and certificates, is £39.50.

More information and enrolment can be found on our website at:

https://doctorslive.co.uk/deadlydiseases/

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LOCAL SCHOOLS UNIFORM BANK

We are running a uniform bank during the summer and kindly request donations of Uniforms, P.E Kits, Shoes & Coats in good, useable condition for;

Ashton Primary School
Lea Community Primary School
St Bernard's Catholic Primary School
Ashton Community Science College
Our Lady's Catholic High School

Collection points:

Between 10th July and 1st August 2023
Oaktree Court (Wed 17:30-19:30 & Thur 10.30-12.30)
Tesco Express Lea (06:00-23:00 7 days a week)

Uniform Bank Dates:

Oaktree Court, Preesall Road, PR2 1PQ

Monday 7th August ~ 18:00 - 19:30

Friday 11th August ~ 13:00 - 14:30

Saturday 12th August ~ 13:00 - 14:30

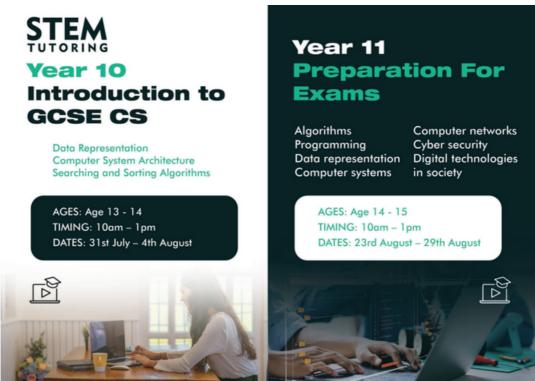


You will need your FSM booking code which you will receive if you're FSM eligible or entitled to book with this scheme.

For support booking, please call the dedicated support line: 07879 774978 (hosted by Care Network 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday).

https://getstuckin.org.uk/preston-holidayactivity-fund-offers-2609/





For the new Year 10 and new Year 11 students, Nxt Gen Innovators are offering 5 day courses of 15 hours in Computer Systems,

For the new Year 10 pupils: the course runs from 31st July to 4th August, 10am – 1pm. For students entering Year 11: the course runs from 23rd August to 29th August, 10am – 1pm.

The cost for the summer master classes course is £95.

If you would like further information or would like to book on the course, please contact: jaspalsingh@nxtgeninnovators.org.









At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults UPPORTING CHILDREN'S 🚜 **MENTAL HEAL** 10 Conversation Starters for Parents Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. To the point that we can put off raising the subject, not wanting to unearth problems or raise overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. But rather than keeping children in the dark, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so they feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins. National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday 1 LISTEN TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH NATURALLY **ASKTWICE** EMPATHISE Are you sure? THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL SAFE BE OPEN AND HONEST MIND YOUR LANGUAGE KNOW WHEN TO SEEK HELP 10 IT IS OK TO SAY 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT' sults do not have all the answers but often child ink they do. It is ok to acknowledge that what y ild is experiencing is not something you have c ross before or know anything about, but that y ill work it out together and seek help together. Sources of Information and Support Meet our expert

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Careers





THE BRITISH ARMY ARE NUMBER 1

BRITISH ARMY RETAIN THE TITLE FOR THE 3RD YEAR RUNNING!

98% of new soldiers enrol on an apprenticeship, making the Army the largest employer provider - but what does it mean to do an apprenticeship as a soldier?

We'll explore the range of 40 apprenticeship schemes from healthcare to IT, engineering to business administration and how you apply.

Open to anyone interested in finding out more about apprenticeships, including students, job seekers, careers advisors, parents and guardians

https://jobs.army.mod.uk/regular-army/what-you-get/apprenticeships-skills/

Level 3/Level 4 Apprenticeship

Strawberry Meadows Business Park, Chorley

Content creator/digital marketing for business. Contact Paul Hannant for more information: 07816 195225 or

paul.hannant@lancashirelep.co.uk

Level 3 Apprenticeship

Manufacturing company, Garstang

Business Administration.
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Survey Request

These surveys are for children and young people and their parent carers in Lancashire, where the child or young person has Special Educational Needs (SEN). Responses will be anonymous and people completing the survey can choose to answer any question or skip ones they don't want to complete. We want to understand what is important to children, young people and their parent carers to help us work more effectively with them. We will publish the feedback from these surveys on the Local Offer.



The surveys can be found here:

- For children and young people: https://forms.office.com/e/9axwZAAKzc
- For parent carers: https://forms.office.com/e/PnJja1RSNY

Careers



Vacancies for September

- Lay Chaplain (37 hours/week, term-time). Closing date: Monday 6th September
- Marketing and Communications Officer (30 hours/week, term only plus 3 days). Closing date: Monday 6th September

For the full details of each role, please take a look at the school website and download an application form. The deadline for all applications is 12 noon on the dates shown above:

www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies

Teacher Training Vacancies for September



Coming to the end of the academic year. Thinking about the future? Is teacher training for you?

Opportunities available with the Catholic Teaching Alliance to start in September 2023 for Primary PGCE based in Preston and secondary PGCE based in Blackburn.

Interested? Don't delay, apply to now. https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/

